GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT WITH TURKMENISTAN
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India and Turkmenistan ink MoU on cooperation in oil and gas in Turkmenistan recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to sign agreement with Turkmenistan on cooperation in oil and gas;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas and Ministry of Oil/Gas Industry and Mineral Resources of Turkmenistan was signed in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan on 5th April, 2008 during the visit of Uprashtrapatiji to Turkmenistan. The objective of the MoU is to establish a cooperative institutional relationship to develop bi-lateral cooperation in the field of oil and gas.

(c) to (e): India is pursuing import of natural gas from Turkmenistan through Turkmenistan- Afghanistan-Pakistan-India (TAPI) Gas Pipeline Project. Meetings of the Technical Working Group and Steering Committee of the participating countries are taking place in Islamabad, Pakistan from 21st to 24th April, 2008.